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### St. Joachim's Notes Centennial

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Canisteo — Parishioners and guests filled St. Joachim's Church Sunday, June 8, for the Mass marking the parish's 100th anniversary.

Bishop Matthew H. Clark was the principal celebrant for the Mass, and in his homily noted that the congregation was gathered to "celebrate 100 years of humanity, struggling to be true, to be faithful." He noted the appropriateness of observing the anniversary on the feast of Corpus Christi, the feast of the Body of Christ. "The feast of the Body of Christ is our feast, because we are the Body of Christ," he noted.

He pointed out that those attending don't know the personal stories of the parish's founders, but that they are beneficiaries of their efforts. And efforts today will make it possible to "keep going for another 100 years."

Just as no one in the parish now was present for the founding, none at the Mass probably would be present for that 200th anniversary, he admitted. But he called on the congregation to make a date for the 125th anniversary, hoping that everyone present would be able to attend.

Several local clergymen and former pastors participated. Concelebrating were Father Thomas Burr, pastor; Father Otto Vogt, Father Robert Kress, Father Eugene Emo, Father Robert MacNamara, Father Herbert Sturmer, Father Benedict Ehmann and



Bishop Clark during his homily at St. Joachim's. Sitting at the altar are Father Thomas Burr, pastor, and Father Robert Kress, a former pastor.

Father Charles Latus. Joining them were two priests from adjoining parishes in the Buffalo diocese: Father Walter Matuszak of St. Mary's, Canaseraga, and Father Francis Zmozynski of Blessed Sacrament, Andover.

Also attending were four Protestant clergymen and their wives: Rev. and Mrs. Carlos Mooney, Canisteo Baptist; Rev. and Mrs. Ronald Reichman, United Methodist; Rev. and Mrs. Gerald Wright, Canisteo Wesleyan, and Rev. and Mrs. John Baxter, Andover Presbyterian.

Rev. Baxter and his wife also had another role in the celebration, as they made an altar set, including chalice, cruets, paten, and candle



Bishop Clark speaking with some of those who attended the reception which followed the anniversary Mass.

holders which was presented of the anniversary by the to the parish on the occasion parish Rosary-Altar Society.

### Hospital Schedules Seminar on Accidents

Elmira — Summer means accidents and that means emergency medicine at St. Joseph's Hospital. For this reason, "To Your Health" seminar in June will be dedicated to the accident season. Joshua G.F. Nagin, MD, who heads the Emergency Services Department, will speak on "Emergency — The Accident Season Begins." The program will be Wednesday, June 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the Doctors Meeting Room.

Dr. Nagin will be joined by Virginia Knecht, RN, head nurse of the Emergency Services Department. Typical summertime accidents will be discussed, and methods for

preventing them will be offered.

Summer brings accidents with it because of increased outdoor activities. Learning how to spot potential accidents and gaining a basic knowledge of First Aid will help provide an accident-free summer.

Each "To Your Health" seminar is designed to provide basic health information. Topics are presented in easily understandable terms and time is allowed for questions.

A demonstration of cardiopulmonary resuscitation will be presented.

### Spina Bifida Clinics

Elmira — The Twin Tiers Rehabilitation Center at St. Joseph's Hospital has announced the establishment of a Spina Bifida clinic offering comprehensive evaluation and follow up services related to the special needs of the Spina Bifida patient.

The clinic also will be open to any person with bowel or

bladder problems. Area medical professionals serving on the clinical team include Dr. John Forrest, orthopedic surgeon; Dr. Edgar Sanford, urologist; and Dorothy Comin, RN, enterostomal therapist. A. V. Garza-Vale and Ferdinand Rossman, neurosurgeons, will be available as needed.

### Call Sent Out To Aid Refugees

Seneca Falls — Father Michael Bausch, writing in last week's The Patrician, the bulletin of St. Patrick's Parish here, issued an urgent call for a refrigerator and a stove and furniture for an unfurnished apartment the parish has located for a refugee family from Laos.

The refugees, he said, "should be arriving within a week or two."

He described them thusly: "Our family's nationality is Lao, and their ethnic group is Yao and their religion is Animist. They arrived in Chieng Khong refugee camp in Thailand Nov. 15, 1978

— which means they have been living in a one room tent for a year and a half. Our family's surname is Sae Chao and there are five family members. Long Yoon Kuan who is 28 years old and married to Fam Pou who is 23 years old are the original applicants to come to the United States. He is a soldier with three years education and she is a farmer with no education." Also slated with them are his parents and brother.

Persons interested in assisting the refugee family are asked to call the parish rectory (315) 568-5203.

### Volunteers Honored

Elmira — St. Joseph's Hospital recognized 31,000 hours of volunteer service and a \$25,000 contribution toward a pledge for cardiac monitoring equipment at its annual volunteer recognition dinner June 4 at the Harris Hill Soaring Museum.

Sister Martha Gersbach, hospital administrator, presented awards to the more than 50 volunteers who gathered for the banquet. Top honors went to Mrs. Theresa Glace for 5,000 hours of volunteer service, while Mrs. Della M. Meador and Grace Miller shared 3,000-hour honors. Norma Chase tallied 2,500 hours of involvement.

Featured speaker was Richard Evans, president of the C.F. Evans Contracting Company and a member of the hospital Board of Directors and chairman of its Development Council. He addressed the subject of the volunteer in society.

Two special "hero" medals were presented, the first to Margaret Geraghty, former proprietress of a local restaurant who sought to have the "Hug of Life," or Heimlich maneuver, presented to her restaurant's staff. Her request resulted in the film on the procedure



Sister Gersbach, left, presents Margaret Geraghty with a "Hero" medal.

being made available to the community and nation as well, which is now credited with aiding more than 250 choking victims. The first restaurant in the community to request the film was Mustico's, through proprietress Mary Mustico, who also received a medal. Both women are members of the hospital auxiliary.

Mrs. Anthony Masny, auxiliary president, presented the \$25,000 payment to Sister Martha on the pledge the auxiliary made in 1979.

### Scouts Receive Awards

Corning — Cub Scouts in Pack 63, sponsored by St. Vincent DePaul Parish, recently received religious awards they earned through work with their parish clergy.

Six scouts received the Parvuli Dei award, the award for Catholic boys, after working with St. Vincent's associate pastor, Father Robert Beligotti. Honored were: Mike Cassidy, David DiGiacomo, Tim Donahue, Eric Stundtner, John Cregan and Eric Kibler.

Another member of the pack, Jammie Williams, received the God and Family award, after working with his pastor, William Findlay of the First Presbyterian Church of Corning.

Cubmaster of Pack 63 is Joseph Donahue.

Scout leaders in Corning also wish to announce that preparation for the Ajtari Dei award, which is for Boy Scouts, will take place in the fall under the direction of Father Philip Billotte, St. Patrick's associate pastor.

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### Face Painting

The Ithaca Commons was filled with activity for the Ithaca Festival June 6, 7, and 8, and students from Immaculate Conception School took part in the events on Friday. Several got their faces painted at the festival, including Brian Doxtater above, while some of his classmates look on. The festival featured arts and crafts, demonstrations and performances by local groups.